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DING et al.

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
DRIVING A QUADRUPOLE ION TRAP
DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, at lines 18-21, with the following paragraph:

Different methods of detection such as Fourier transform of image current disclosed in US Patent No. 5,625,186 were also developed later. These developments have brought about tremendous applications in mass spectrometry and in the combination of mass spectrometry with other widely used instrumentation.